

**Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 42487**  
**NORTH TEXAS CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. dba A J Shell**  
**RN102387149**  
**Docket No. 2011-1619-PST-E**

**Order Type:**

1660 Agreed Order

**Findings Order Justification:**

N/A

**Media:**

PST

**Small Business:**

Yes

**Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:**

A J Shell, 2101 Hall Johnson Road, Grapevine, Tarrant County

**Type of Operation:**

Convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

**Other Significant Matters:**

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

**Texas Register Publication Date:** March 9, 2012

**Comments Received:** No

***Penalty Information***

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$21,850

**Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement:** \$4,370

**Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay:** \$0

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$17,480

**Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

**SEP Conditional Offset:** \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

**Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN - Average

Site/RN - High

**Major Source:** Yes

**Statutory Limit Adjustment:** N/A

**Applicable Penalty Policy:** September 2002

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***Investigation Information***

**Complaint Date(s):** N/A

**Complaint Information:** N/A

**Date(s) of Investigation:** November 15, 2010 and August 11, 2011

**Date(s) of NOE(s):** August 11, 2011

***Violation Information***

1. Failed to monitor the underground storage tanks ("USTs") for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring) [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].
2. Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 24 hours of discovery. Specifically, statistical inventory reconciliation ("SIR") records for August 2010 indicated a suspected release that was not reported [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.72].
3. Failed to investigate a suspected release within 30 days of discovery. Specifically, SIR records for August 2010 indicated a suspected release that was not investigated [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.74].
4. Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b)].

***Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements***

**Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

The Respondent conducted an investigation of the suspected release and implemented appropriate corrective measures at the Facility on November 23, 2010.

**Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Immediately:
  - i. Establish and implement a process for reporting suspected releases; and
  - ii. Begin maintaining all UST records and ensure they are made available for inspection upon request by agency personnel.
- b. Within 30 days, implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility; and
- c. Within 45 days, submit written certification demonstrating compliance.

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***Litigation Information***

**Date Petition(s) Filed:** N/A  
**Date Answer(s) Filed:** N/A  
**SOAH Referral Date:** N/A  
**Hearing Date(s):** N/A  
**Settlement Date:** N/A

***Contact Information***

**TCEQ Attorney:** N/A  
**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Clinton Sims, Enforcement Division,  
Enforcement Team 6, MC 128, (512) 239-6933; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division,  
MC 219, (512) 239-0412  
**TCEQ SEP Coordinator:** N/A  
**Respondent:** Ronald McFarland, President, NORTH TEXAS CONVENIENCE  
STORES, INC., 1000 Northeast Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas 76106  
**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A





# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	15-Aug-2011	<b>Screening</b>	7-Sep-2011	<b>EPA Due</b>	
	<b>PCW</b>	14-Sep-2011				

## RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Respondent</b>	NORTH TEXAS CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. dba A J Shell		
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN102387149		
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	4-Dallas/Fort Worth	<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Major

## CASE INFORMATION

<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	42487	<b>No. of Violations</b>	4
<b>Docket No.</b>	2011-1619-PST-E	<b>Order Type</b>	1660
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Petroleum Storage Tank	<b>Government/Non-Profit</b>	No
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Clinton Sims
		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 6
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum</b>	\$0	<b>Maximum</b>	\$10,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

**TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)** **Subtotal 1** **\$25,000**

### ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

**Compliance History** **2.0%** Enhancement **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7** **\$500**

**Notes** Enhancement for one NOV with dissimilar violations.

**Culpability** **No** **0.0%** Enhancement **Subtotal 4** **\$0**

**Notes** The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

**Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments** **Subtotal 5** **\$3,750**

**Economic Benefit** **0.0%** Enhancement\* **Subtotal 6** **\$0**

Total EB Amounts **\$312**  
Approx. Cost of Compliance **\$7,100**

\*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

**SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7** **Final Subtotal** **\$21,750**

**OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE** **0.5%** **Adjustment** **\$100**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

**Notes** Recommended enhancement to capture the avoided cost of compliance associated with violation no. 2.

**Final Penalty Amount** **\$21,850**

**STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT** **Final Assessed Penalty** **\$21,850**

**DEFERRAL** **20.0%** Reduction **Adjustment** **-\$4,370**

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

**Notes** Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

**PAYABLE PENALTY** **\$17,480**

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Clinton Sims

## Compliance History Worksheet

## &gt;&gt; Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action ( <i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	1	2%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability ( <i>number of orders meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of counts</i> )	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events ( <i>number of events</i> )	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i> )	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i> )	0	0%
Please Enter Yes or No			
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 2%

## &gt;&gt; Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

## &gt;&gt; Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Average Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

## &gt;&gt; Compliance History Summary

Compliance  
History  
Notes

Enhancement for one NOV with dissimilar violations.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7) 2%

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Clinton Sims

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(c)(1)

Violation Description

Failed to monitor the underground storage tanks ("USTs") for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring).

Base Penalty \$10,000

## &gt;&gt; Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential	x		

Percent 50%

## &gt;&gt; Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to pollutants which would exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$5,000

\$5,000

## Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

27 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$5,000

One monthly event is recommended based on documentation of the violation during the August 11, 2011 record review to the September 7, 2011 screening date.

## Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$5,000

## Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

## Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$116

Violation Final Penalty Total \$5,123

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$5,123

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent NORTH TEXAS CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. dba A J Shell  
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 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102387149  
 Media Petroleum Storage Tank  
 Violation No. 1

Percent Interest 5.0  
 Years of Depreciation 15

Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs EB Amount  
 Item Description No commas or \$

## Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$1,500	15-Nov-2010	1-Jun-2012	1.55	\$116	n/a	\$116

## Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to monitor the USTs for releases. The Date Required is the investigation date and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

## Avoided Costs

### ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

## Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$1,500

TOTAL

\$116



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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Clinton Sims

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.72

Violation Description

Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 24 hours of discovery. Specifically, statistical inventory reconciliation ("SIR") records for August 2010 indicated a suspected release that was not reported.

Base Penalty \$10,000

## &gt;&gt; Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent 0%

## &gt;&gt; Programmatic Matrix

Falsification			
	Major	Moderate	Minor
	x		

Percent 25%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$7,500

\$2,500

## Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

1 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$2,500

One single event is recommended.

## Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$2,500

## Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

## Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$100

Violation Final Penalty Total \$2,562

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$2,562

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**Req. Ent. Reference No.** RN102387149  
**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Violation No.** 2

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
No commas or \$							

## Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

## Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]	\$100	1-Aug-2010	2-Aug-2010	0.00	\$0	\$100	\$100
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated avoided cost to report a suspected release. The Date Required is the date of the suspected release and the Final Date is the date the report was due.

Approx. Cost of Compliance \$100

TOTAL \$100

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Clinton Sims

Violation Number 3

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.74

Violation Description

Failed to investigate a suspected release within 30 days of discovery. Specifically, SIR records for August 2010 indicated a suspected release that was not investigated.

Base Penalty \$10,000

## &gt;&gt; Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential	x		

Percent 50%

## &gt;&gt; Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to pollutants which would exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$5,000

\$5,000

## Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 3

84 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	x
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$15,000

Three monthly events are recommended from the release investigation due date of August 31, 2010 to the November 23, 2010 compliance date.

## Good Faith Efforts to Comply

25.0% Reduction

\$3,750

Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary	x	
N/A		(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent came into compliance on November 23, 2010, prior to the August 11, 2011 Notice of Enforcement.

Violation Subtotal \$11,250

## Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

## Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$58

Violation Final Penalty Total \$11,603

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$11,603

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

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Media Petroleum Storage Tank  
Violation No. 3

Percent Interest 5.0  
Years of Depreciation 15

Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs EB Amount  
Item Description No commas or \$

## Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$5,000	31-Aug-2010	23-Nov-2010	0.23	\$58	n/a	\$58

## Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to investigate a suspected release. The Date Required is the date the release investigation was due and the Final Date is the date of compliance.

## Avoided Costs

### ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

## Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$5,000

TOTAL

\$58

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Clinton Sims

Violation Number 4

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.10(b)

Violation Description

Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel.

Base Penalty \$10,000

## &gt;&gt; Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent 0%

## &gt;&gt; Programmatic Matrix

Falsification			
	Major	Moderate	Minor
	X		

Percent 25%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$7,500

\$2,500

## Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

27 Number of violation days

mark only one  
with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	X

Violation Base Penalty \$2,500

One single event is recommended.

## Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

	Before NOV		NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
	Extraordinary	Ordinary	
N/A	X		(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$2,500

## Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

## Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$39

Violation Final Penalty Total \$2,562

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$2,562

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**Media** Petroleum Storage Tank  
**Violation No.** 4

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
No commas or \$							

## Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System	\$500	15-Nov-2010	1-Jun-2012	1.55	\$39	n/a	\$39
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to maintain UST records. The Date Required is the investigation date and the Final Date is the estimated date of compliance.

## Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$500

TOTAL

\$39

# Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN601244304 NORTH TEXAS CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 0.80  
Regulated Entity: RN102387149 A J Shell Classification: HIGH Site Rating: 0.00

ID Number(s): PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION 55602  
REGISTRATION

Location: 2101 HALL JOHNSON RD, GRAPEVINE, TX, 76051

TCEQ Region: REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX

Date Compliance History Prepared: August 23, 2011

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Compliance Period: August 23, 2006 to August 23, 2011

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History

Name: Clinton Sims Phone: (512) 239-6933

## Site Compliance History Components

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? Yes
2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? No
3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? N/A
4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A
6. Rating Date: 9/1/2010 Repeat Violator: NO

## Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees of the State of Texas and the federal government.  
N/A
- B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.  
N/A
- C. Chronic excessive emissions events.  
N/A
- D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
- |   |            |          |
|---|------------|----------|
| 1 | 08/11/2011 | (895503) |
| 2 | 04/26/2011 | (914195) |
| 3 | 06/20/2011 | (934005) |
- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

Date:	04/27/2011	(914195)	CN601244304
Self Report?	NO		Classification: Moderate
Citation:	30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter C 115.248(2)		
Description:	Failure to ensure that if the facility representative who received the approved training is no longer employed at that facility, another facility representative must successfully complete approved training within three months of the departure of the previously trained employee.		
Self Report?	NO		Classification: Moderate
Citation:	30 TAC Chapter 115, SubChapter C 115.242(9)		
Description:	Failure to post operating instructions conspicuously on the front of each dispenser equipped with a Stage II system. These instructions shall, at a		

minimum, include: A. a clear description of how to correctly dispense gasoline using the system; B. a warning against attempting to continue to refuel after initial shutoff of the system.

F. Environmental audits.

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.

N/A

J. Early compliance.

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas

N/A



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
CONCERNING  
NORTH TEXAS CONVENIENCE  
STORES, INC. DBA A J SHELL  
RN102387149**

**§ BEFORE THE  
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§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
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§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

## **AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2011-1619-PST-E**

### **I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS**

At its \_\_\_\_\_ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding NORTH TEXAS CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. dba A J Shell ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline at 2101 Hall Johnson Road in Grapevine, Tarrant County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent's three underground storage tanks ("USTs") are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission.
3. The Commission and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about August 16, 2011.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$21,850) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in

Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$17,480) of the administrative penalty and Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$4,370) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and the Respondent have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
9. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent conducted an investigation of the suspected release and implemented appropriate corrective measures at the Facility on November 23, 2010.
10. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
11. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
12. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

## **II. ALLEGATIONS**

As owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have:

1. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring), in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1), as documented during an investigation conducted on November 15, 2010 and a record review conducted on August 11, 2011.
2. Failed to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 24 hours of discovery in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.72, as documented during an investigation conducted on November 15, 2010 and a record review conducted on August 11, 2011. Specifically, statistical inventory reconciliation ("SIR") records for August 2010 indicated a suspected release that was not reported.

3. Failed to investigate a suspected release within 30 days of discovery, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.74, as documented during an investigation conducted on November 15, 2010 and a record review conducted on August 11, 2011. Specifically, SIR records for August 2010 indicated a suspected release that was not investigated.
4. Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b), as documented during an investigation conducted on November 15, 2010 and a record review conducted on August 11, 2011.

### **III. DENIALS**

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

### **IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS**

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: NORTH TEXAS CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. dba A J Shell, Docket No. 2011-1619-PST-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section  
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13088  
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Agreed Order:
    - i. Establish and implement a process for reporting suspected releases, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.72; and
    - ii. Begin maintaining all UST records and ensure they are made available for inspection upon request by agency personnel, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10.
  - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50; and

- c. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 2.a.i. through 2.b. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team  
Enforcement Division, MC 149A  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Waste Section Manager  
Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
2309 Gravel Drive  
Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6951

3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director.

The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.

6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
7. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
8. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

## SIGNATURE PAGE

### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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For the Commission

  
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For the Executive Director

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Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

  
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Signature

1-26-2012  
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Date

RON MCFARLAND  
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Name (Printed or typed)

President  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Authorized Representative of

NORTH TEXAS CONVENIENCE STORES, INC. dba A J Shell

**Instructions:** Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.